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'Members unaware of projects as ward meetings reduced to mere gatherings; public consultations non-existent in absence of elected BBMP council'

WARD GAMES

Importance of ward-level democracy

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Ward level meetings across 198 wards are an eyewash, citizens have alleged. They pointed out that ward meetings have been reduced to just mere gatherings for raising grievances where ward members receive only nods from nodal officials and ward committee members, not actual solutions.

Respective ward committee members are not even in the know of urban projects planned or executed such as road widening, Smart City work for enhancing footpaths and other infrastructure including projects of BWSSB, Horticulture Department and BESCOM.

"This is not a new story; it has been this way since the days of corporators in each of the wards. Now, since the BBMP council has been dissolved for some time and the civic projects are being planned and executed by MLAs of respective constituencies, their supporters and party workers fill-in as ward committee members who approve of whatever projects taken up at constituency level (ward levels also)," said Narendra Kumar, state president of Nagarika Shakthi Karnataka, a citizen empowering forum.

The BBMP, BWSSB, and

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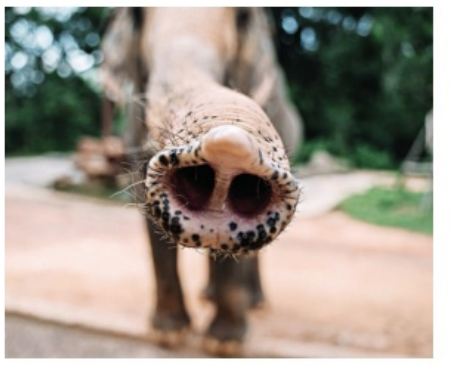
What's on the menu at BBP

Video clips to give visitors a glimpse of how zoo makes sure animals get the nutrition they need



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Preparing meals for thousands of animals at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) is no simple feat. If you are wondering what the zoo animals are eating every day, the park authorities are planning to give patrons and visitors a peek into BBP's kitchen.

They will be doing so with the help of a giant screen that will be installed inside the park to play short clips of the food preparation videos daily.

"We have been receiving messages from people, including children, expressing concern over the quality and nutritional value of food that the zoo animals are provided. When we go through the reviews online, we see people worried about animals not being fed properly and not taken care of. We want to keep the citizens informed that we do not compromise on the quality of food," said Dr Sunil Panwar, chief conservator of forest and executive director, BBP.

Ten-minute-long video clips will give visitors a feel of how BBP makes sure the animals get the nutrition they need. The video clips of raw material inspection and food preparation inside the zoo's kitchen

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Fun galore

Get onboard with MAJA Express for a fun and memorable ride this summer! MAJA Express is a multi-sensory and immersive learning playground where children explore and experiment, with movement and theatre, along with arts and crafts. The workshop will focus on the interplay of story building, movement, theatre, music, rhythm, process art, craft skills, self-discovery, creative thinking and interpretation. **Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb; When: April 26 – 29, 4 pm – 6 pm Tickets: Rs 3,000, 9902474227**

02 Dance, dance, dance

Sri Raja Rajeshwari Kala Niketan and Bangalore Environment Trust, in association with ICRA, celebrate Samanvaya Arts Festival with a launch of 'Aranye Ninage Sharanu', a book authored by Dr Yelappa Reddy, along with a dance-drama with the same title. This dance drama portrays how our ancient scriptures have extolled the virtues of a life lived with an unceasing focus on forest protection. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vylikaval; When: April 27; Dance performance: 7.15 PM; Entry: Free, 9741350377**

03 Vocal for local

Check out "Indian Craft Collective" by folklore artists, a 10-day handicraft and handloom exhibition. The exhibition has been curated to provide a platform to 75 craftsmen to display their products. Shop products like block print sarees, brass idols, antique furniture, tribal jewellery, Jaipuri bed linen, Kolhapuri chappals, Kashmiri shawls and sarees, handicrafts from Kutch and a lot more. The 10-day show will have workshops like pottery, decoupage, lac bangle-making being conducted on each day, giving you a glimpse of what goes into making of these traditional & contemporary craft forms.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: Till May 1, 10:30 am – 8:30 pm

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Music, martial arts and more

Music phenomenon Ricky Kej performed at an exclusive concert for the Indian army at Madras Engineering Group (MEG), Ulsoor. There was also a performance of kalaripayattu for the audience.

THE BITE THAT STINGS

There's a surge in malaria and dengue cases due to sudden spells of rain; doctors say stay alert

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A worker fumigates a residential area to kill mosquitoes & help prevent dengue & malaria (file)

The erratic weather is playing havoc with the health of Bengalureans, and doctors are on their toes. Owing to the recent spell of rains in the city, doctors are witnessing a surge in cases of malaria and Dengue. Due to overlapping symptoms with Covid, doctors say it is harder to diagnose the condition now.

Bengaluru saw a series of rain showers in the city last week. A week later, patients are now visiting hospitals with symptoms of dengue and malaria. Though the number of cases is not so significant and their occurrence is sporadic, doctors say it's unusual for cases to be seen now. Often, malaria and dengue cases surge after the first showers of the monsoon season.

Doctors report seeing patients with flu symptoms along with tiredness, congested eyes, chills, sweating, etc.

"There is a rise in cases, especially in the past two weeks. We are seeing 1-3 cases per day but considering the seasonal change, the peak is yet to be seen. We are seeing more cases of dengue than malaria," said Dr Aditya S Chowti, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road.

The symptoms often overlap with those of covid-19, making diagnosis harder and creating more confusion among patients. "Most of them have a headache, body pain, back pain, fever, giddiness, vomiting and loose motion in some cases.

Due to overlapping symptoms, we are checking for malaria and dengue with viral fever and Covid if presented with respiratory problems," said Dr Raghu J, HOD and Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease Specialist, Sakra World Hospital.

Doctors attribute the sudden increase to rainfall in the city and the increased outdoor activity. "Patients presenting with high-grade fever and a history of travel to a place where malaria is endemic, should consider treatment for malaria," said Dr Manohar KN, Consultant, internal medicine, Manipal Hospital. Doctors in the city are also asking for the travel history of patients.

Though there is no definite link between the recovery period of post-Covid malaria/dengue patients, medical experts observe tiredness and joint and body pain as common symptoms.

Doctors advise citizens to prevent waterlogging in their area and to undertake anti-mosquito measures. "Avoid mosquito bites at all costs and consume properly cooked food and avoid drinking from unpotable sources," added Dr Chowti.

One can avoid activities during dusk and dawn and wear full-sleeved clothes to prevent mosquito bites. Citizens should also use mosquito repellents. Containers that could collect rainwater should be removed, added Dr Raghu.

Karnataka to be malaria-free by 2027

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar asked Health Department officials to take it as a challenge and make Karnataka malaria-free by 2027, three years before the Union government target of 2030.
Speaking on the occasion of World Malaria Day, Dr Sudhakar said that the Union government has a target of making India malaria-free by 2030 and 10 districts in Karnataka have not recorded a single malaria case in the past three years. "All the credit goes to Health Department officials, staff and ASHA workers," he stated. He also appreciated ASHA workers for their work in creating awareness in rural areas. Sudhakar also stated that most malaria cases in Karnataka are seen in Udupi and Dakshina Karnataka districts and research is underway to understand the reason for this.

"Consume properly cooked food and avoid water from unpotable sources

– Dr Chowti, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road

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Glass half full of sewage

Residents of 12th Cross, Rama Temple Road, in Domlur ward are sick of receiving sewage-contaminated water, empty promises from authorities

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Buckets filled with murky water discharged from taps in the locality. Inset: A resident holds a bottle filled with the contaminated water

Residents of 12th Cross, Rama Temple Road, Domlur, are dealing with serious health concerns as the water supplied in the area is contaminated with sewage. The residents have been receiving murky water from their taps. Some complained they suffered stomach flu due to this as they are forced to use dirty water for cooking and other purposes. Many households in the area have been reporting multiple cases of vomiting, loose motions and stomach pains.

Shibha Ramswamy, a resident, described the water flowing out of the taps as "yellow-coloured".

"Either there's no water or the taps, when turned on, discharge such water for 30 minutes or so. Households are forced to depend on this water for all their needs. Some have been going to the purified water unit nearby to collect water for cooking and bathing," she told BM.

BM also spoke with a former corporator of the Domlur ward.

"Sewage-mixed water is coming out of the taps, yet nothing has been done to resolve the issue in the past month. These pipelines are roughly 40 years old and must be replaced. We demand that until the situation is fixed, clean water is provided to residents separately," said Dr Lakshminarayan Gundanna.

Bhargavi, another resident, claimed that the water has caused her to fall ill.

"I have been ill since last week. Yesterday, my brother too fell sick. The water is absolutely unusable, but some of us are forced to use it as we don't have alternatives," she told this reporter on Sunday.

Further, Bhargavi said that the residents have been dealing with the issue for a much longer time.

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>
> – Shibha Ramswamy, resident

"This has been the case for two years. It used to recur every two months or so. But it has become a consistent problem in the past month."

It is said that about two years ago, during some pipeline project, workers accidentally connected the water and sewage pipes and as a result contaminated water has been flowing into homes for the last two years.

At this point, "everyone in this area has suffered or is suffering loose motions and vomiting due to consumption of contaminated water," claimed Ramswamy.

On Sunday, the residents had said that they were assured by the authorities concerned that the issue would be rectified by Monday morning and clean water will be provided. Alas, the authorities are yet to solve the problem.

RWA federation opposes 24x7 activity

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A federation of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) in Indiranagar has opposed a notification of the labour department of the government of Karnataka that allows commercial establishments employing 10 or more employees to function 24x7.

The federation, i Change Indiranagar, in association with Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF), stated in its letter objecting the notification that though the need for medical establishments to run 24*7 can be justified, it makes no sense for the likes of restaurants, bars, delivery aggregators and supermarkets to function all day.

It stated many commercial establishments either illegally occupy residential areas or abut residences and the government has not shown any will to enforce zoning, while thousands of crores are spent every 10 years to create Revised Master Plans which go without implementation.

The letter stated there is no identified commercial area in the city. Even the Central Business District is surrounded by residences whose owners are harassed often.

The police are seriously understaffed and unable to cope with issues rising from 1 am closure, it pointed out.

The notification will encourage undesirable elements, like pimps, drug peddlers, knife wielding robbers to be on the streets all night and lead to an increase in crime, it stated. Further, the incidences of groping and sexual assault of women which are already on the rise will increase, it said.

Further the federation stated there will be an increase in noise pollution and traffic which will lead to more instances of rash driving (to meet delivery deadlines) and more accidents, honking and pollution.

Vinod Jacob of NBF said, "It's detrimental to the health of residents in the area. Most senior citizens and children need sleep without which their health will be affected adversely. Many are already suffering due to air and noise pollution during the day. If establishments run at nighttime too it could result in serious health disorders like insomnia, lethargy, fatigue and other anxiety disorders. Old timings must be restored and any commercial activity between 1 and 6 am must be stopped completely in residential areas."

Members said that while it is appreciated that the government is supporting businesses it must not be at the cost of citizens; they strongly object to the notification and strongly urge the government, the BBMP commissioner and the commissioner of police not to give it a go-ahead.

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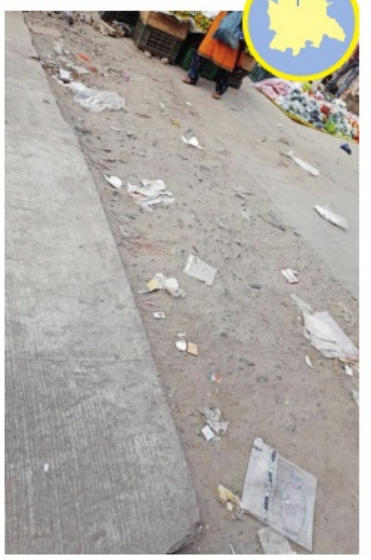

This damaged patch on the road must be repaired to prevent inconvenience to commuters, a reader wrote to BM.

Dump dumping
Nagarabhavi

Folks must stop dumping garbage on this stretch on the pavement and must begin to use the dustbins in the area.

Fix this
Rajaji Nagar

The 20th Cross in 2nd Block needs to be repaired immediately. Will BBMP fix it?

In the dog house: Elderly man accused of attacking woman

Banashankari resident captures assault while she was walking with pet, stray on camera, goes to cops

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The never-ending tiff between city's dog-lovers and haters of dog-lovers reared its head once again. A woman resident of Banashankari, who has been taking care of and feeding a stray dog, says she was abused and her pet dog and she were attacked.

The incident took place on Monday morning when Mayura Krishnaswamy **(in pic)** was walking her pet.

"The street dog also was with us, when I was stopped by two elderly men. They told me I cannot enter their street with dogs as the dogs will litter the stretch. As I was explaining to them that my dog is well trained and I will be cleaning after the dog anyways, he suddenly became violent and hit me in my face with his umbrella. He knocked off my spectacles and pelted the dogs with stones too," said Krishnaswamy.

She managed to capture a part of this spat on camera. A complaint has been filed against the assaulter at the Banashankari police station.

Krishnaswamy sent out messages and put out the video too. The video shows the man hitting and poking her repeatedly in the face using an umbrella.

"He continued to hit my dog and me till I moved away. I have been intimidated by this person and his family in the past as well. Many times when I am out with my dogs, they use gestures to indicate to stay away from the street," said Krishnaswamy. She said though she reached out to the Hoysala helpline number immediately after the incidents, the police were not of much help.

"I called the Hoyasala helpline number and two police officials arrived at the spot. However, by that time, the person who assaulted me had gone home. One of the police officers rang his doorbell and hardly waited for two minutes before leaving the spot without speaking to the assaulter," she said.

According to the police officials at the Banashankari Police station, both Krishnaswamy and the accused were called to the station and a complaint has been registered.

Fake kidney donation racket: 3 foreigners arrested

Police announced on Monday that they busted a fake kidney donation racket in Bengaluru and arrested three foreign nationals in connection. According to police, the accused created fake websites of reputed hospitals in Bengaluru and targeted both kidney donors and recipients.

The arrested persons were identified as Mimi a.k.a Miracle, Kowa Collins, both from Nigeria; and Mathew Innocent from Ghana.

The accused persons had created a fake website of Sagar Hospital in Bengaluru and were fishing for kidney donors or recipients.

The hospital authorities had lodged a complaint with Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime (CEN) Police station of HSR Layout in this regard. The sleuths who took up the investigation arrested the accused from an apartment in Amrutalli locality.

The accused offered Rs 4 crore per kidney for donors and took lakhs of rupees as registration fee. They also took money for various other processes and communicated with the victims via WhatsApp. They cheated victims and donors by stating that their money has already been deposited but they were required to give 30 per cent of the deposit amount before they get payment transferred to their account.

The police have appealed to the victims to come forward and lodge complaints. **– IANS**

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CM issues new orders to contain Covid cases

Masks are mandatory in public, vaccination is highly recommended

The state government on Monday evening issued new orders making wearing of masks mandatory in public places and during commute. However, no penalty has been proposed to enforce this. It also issued orders for the public to maintain a physical distance of two feet. Previously, the rule asked to maintain a six-feet distance.

The new advisory was issued after a meeting chaired by chief minister Basavaraj Bommai. During the meeting, Bommai said the spread of Covid in Bengaluru is increasing and steps must be taken to contain the situation.

It may be noted, on Monday, Karnataka reported 64 new Covid cases. Of these, 63 were reported from Bengaluru. The state's positivity rate has increased to 1.38 per cent. And in Bengaluru, the positivity rate has touched 1.9 per cent.

Considering the developments, the city must be monitored, therefore necessary instructions are being given. Those who have not been administered Covid vaccine doses are at risk, Bommai said.

"We are yet to know which variant has affected patients. The samples have been sent for genomic sequencing to know if this is a new variant or an old one," health minister Dr K Sudhakar said. Further he said 10,000 tests are being conducted everyday. "We are looking forward to prime minister Narendra Modi's meeting with the chief ministers... Presently, restrictions will not be imposed. It is said that the severity of the disease is less in the fourth wave," he added. Meanwhile, chief secretary P Ravi Kumar ordered that spitting in public places will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the local authorities. **— BMB**

Children between 12 to 14 can get vaccinated now

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CM's Covid control measures

- Face masks must be made mandatory
- Social distancing must be ensured
- Covid cases must be monitored constantly
- Awareness campaign to ensure vaccination of all people must be intensified
- Tele-monitoring of the passengers arriving from Japan, Thailand and other countries witnessing a rise in Covid cases must be implemented

Study says asthma drug can block SARS-CoV-2 protein

A drug used to treat asthma and allergies can block a crucial protein produced by SARS-CoV-2 and reduce viral replication in human immune cells, a new study by researchers at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) claimed.

Approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), montelukast has been around for more than 20 years and is usually prescribed to reduce inflammation caused by conditions like asthma, hay fever and hives, the official release by IISC stated on Monday.

Tanweer Hussain, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development and Genetics (MRDG), IISc, and senior author of the study published on eLife, and his lab tested the effect of the drug on live viruses, in the Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) facility at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR), IISc, in collaboration with Shashank Tripathi, Assistant Professor at CIDR, and his team. They found that the drug was able to reduce viral numbers in infected cells in the culture.

"Clinicians have tried using the drug and there are reports that said that montelukast reduced hospitalisation among Covid-19 patients," said Hussain, adding that the exact mechanisms by which it works still need to be understood more. His team plans to work with chemists to see if they can modify the structure of the drug to make it more potent against SARS-CoV-2. They are also planning to continue hunting for similar drugs with strong antiviral activity. **– BMB and Agencies**

SC refuses to interfere with vaccine mandate

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with a vaccine mandate of the state government for attending the colleges.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant dismissed the plea challenging the Karnataka High Court order upholding the state government's July 16, 2021 notification which said that students' teachers and non-teaching staff who have received one dose of vaccine can attend the colleges.

The bench said, "We will not entertain this. Take your vaccines. In the wider national interest there are some matters which we should not be entertaining." **– PTI**

Ward committees 'hijacked': activists

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other civic authorities follow procedural SOPs (standard operating procedures) such as announcing the project details in newspapers and seeking objections on emails. "These items appear in corners of newspapers as clips and are of negligible importance so that no one even decides to call a meeting on the same. Moreover, every ward meeting happens on the first and third Saturday of the month; the gap of 15 days between the first and the second meeting is enough to just forget about any projects coming up at a given ward," said Pradeep Mendonca, founder of Bharatiya Nagarika Samithi.

"Such procedural SOPs — one could call it lapses — are diligently followed and the newspaper cuttings and emails with no objections are documented for reports of such projects," Mendonca added.

Recently, a road widening project was carried out at CV Raman Nagar in East Bengaluru, where it was claimed the ward committee meeting happened and there were no objections for the project, but as soon as the project kick-started with a number of tree cuttings, citizens woke up and started protesting against the project. "This is an example of how an infrastructure work finds its way to the ward without much public consultation," said Kumar.

There are a total of 198 wards in the city and not all the wards have such meetings; but the ones that hold the meetings are either a bunch of party workers or supporters of MLAs who come in a group domineering the meeting to undermine the grievances raised by residents who are the actual ward members, citizen activists told BM.

At times, the ward members are not even aware of projects underway in their respective wards; this is a huge disadvantage because ward meetings are like mini assembly sessions that can debate and discuss projects as is the norm in a democracy.

"Since ward committees are being dominated by certain vested interests such as groups representing the area MLA and so forth, the system is broken," said Mendonca.

Civic activists have taken strong objection to this trend considering democracy is being compromised at the ward level.

Taking note of the issue civic activist Arun Prasad wrote to the BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta to make sure ward meetings are carried out in earnest and more than the meeting, Prasad noted, projects in the wards shall be discussed and debated amongst residents and members, acknowledging objections raised if any and the same forwarded to engineers and joint commissioners of the respective BBMP zones.

"Sometimes, engineers and joint commissioners themselves are unaware of projects in their jurisdiction; when contacted, they often say, they have not received any objections from any ward members," Prasad told Bangalore Mirror.

A peek into BBP kitchen

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will be captured every morning and the recordings with the date and time stamps will be displayed on the screen for the visitors.

"For instance, if we prepare ragi balls for the elephants, the video clips will include inspection of raw materials such as rice, ragi, jaggery, etc., along with the preparation video straight from the kitchen. We also use cut fruits mixed with pulses and other grains. The video on the screen will update visitors on the quality of raw material and the preparation process of all the meals," said a BBP official.

The initiative is expected to ensure transparency on feeding of zoo animals apart from spreading awareness.

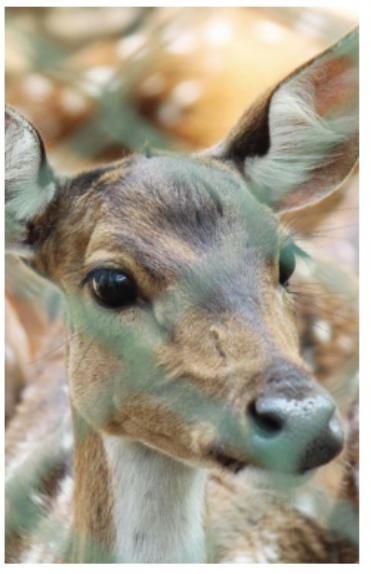
"The idea is to create awareness on how zoo animals are fed while ensuring transparency in the food preparation. We wanted to address these public concerns while following directives from the Zoo Authority of Karnataka that encourages transparency in every process," said Dr Panwar.

Park authorities are also mulling over displaying all the raw ingredients that go into food preparation for public view after setting in resin to minimise wastage. According to officials, though live-streaming of the food preparation and a physical tour of the kitchen were some other options to address the concerns raised by citizens, there were some constraints.

BBP spends around Rs 12 to 13 crore every year on meat, produce and other food items to feed the animals at the facility. The fruits and vegetables are procured directly from the HOPCOM centres and the kitchen team carefully measures portions for each animal and prepares fresh meals based on their daily schedule.

"It is precise work. The amount of food in each meal and bite size vary with species and individuals. When planning each animal's diet, there are different aspects to keep in mind, including age, weight and other health factors. We also revise the diet regularly to determine whether any changes are needed in meal plans," Dr Panwar told BM.

The screen is expected to be up within a month.



On a smooth track: More power to you, pedallers!

DULT Commissioner asks police to step up and take strict action against those illegally using cycle lanes

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Many cyclists suffer heavy injuries when they are suddenly hit by speeding bikes or cars

BM has been constantly reporting about vehicles using cycle lanes for parking

Despite much being written about cycle lanes being encroached upon by two-wheelers and vehicles and citizens raising a hue-and-cry about the issue, cycle lanes in Bengaluru continue to be a de facto space for parking vehicles. In other cases, bollards are removed to encroach upon the lane. However, as a positive step, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) has now written to the city police to take action against such vehicles.

In a letter written on March 31 to the Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), DULT Commissioner V Manjula requested the police to register a complaint against a vehicle for damaging the cycle lane bollards and obstructing movement of cyclists on a cycle lane laid along the Outer Ring Road.

"As you may be aware, frequent violations by two-wheelers, autos and even construction vehicles are being reported on the ORR cycle lanes because of which, cyclists are facing difficulties in safely using the cycle lanes. Hence, I request you to provide directions to the officials concerned to strictly enforce proper use of cycle lanes," stated the letter.

Reacting to this, Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran said, "There are a lot of cyclists who are using the ORR cycle track, and with offices reopening and the cycle-to-work movement being more popular, there will be even more people switching to the bicycle for commuting. We are conducting awareness campaigns but it's important for the police to stand there and monitor the situation."

According to him, there is severe violation of motor vehicle rules all around with wrong side driving, illegal parking and bad behaviour. "No amount of road space is going to gratify impatient selfish drivers, only heavy penalties will. We request BBMP and DULT to make the bicycle lane permanent with permanent barricades as implemented in CBD."

> **"No amount of road space is going to gratify impatient, selfish drivers; only heavy penalties will**
>
> – Sathya Sankaran, Bicycle Mayor, Bengaluru

In the recent past, many cyclists were surprised to see that bollards that divides the main road from the lane have been removed. Though cyclist communities have been actively working towards the creation and maintenance of cycle lanes for the safety of cyclists in and around the city, they are facing challenges in terms of removal of bollards from the cycle lane.

Cyclists say that the bollards are public property paid by taxpayers and owned by BBMP. The cyclists want BBMP to file an FIR against the perpetrators identified and punished accordingly as an example for those who think it is okay to vandalise public property. Cyclists say pedestrians, cycle lanes and bus lanes should become a permanent feature all across the city.

Hijab ban: 6 refuse to sit for exams

Refusing to take off their hijab, six students on Monday in Karnataka's Yadgir district returned home without writing their Class 12 exams.

The incident took place at the government pre-university college in Yadgir.

The female students, who had gone to write their economics exam, insisted with the authorities to let them write the paper wearing hijab. After their request was turned down, the students walked out from the examination centre, refusing to take off their hijab.

The crucial Class 12 exams are being conducted peacefully across the state. The students, especially Muslim girls, are following the uniform rules and writing their papers without wearing hijab.

CID summons Cong MLA

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) which has been probing the irregularities in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors in Karnataka has summoned Congress MLA Priyank Kharge, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said on Monday.

Kharge had recently released an audio recording of a conversation regarding the irregularities (in the SI recruitment), which he said was submitted to him, Jnanendra said in a statement. "CID has issued a notice to Priyank Kharge to appear for questioning. I appeal to the MLA to be responsible and share evidence with them," the minister said.

Fuel hike worries? Keep calm and carpool it

Bengalureans are now resorting to sharing commutes to go easy on travel costs

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With fuel prices crossing Rs 110 per litre, Bengalureans are looking for ways to travel sustainably. Many of the residents have opted for carpooling, which will not only reduce the pocket pinch, but help protect the environment and decongest traffic too.

Nijesh Rg, an IT professional residing in Dasarahalli was one of many who had purchased a car during the pandemic. But thanks to a complete shift in lifestyle due to covid, the car ended up sitting in the garage. Once lockdown was lifted, fuel prices shot up. "Using the car has become difficult due to the increasing petrol prices. "Our car was just sitting at home but now that offices have started reopening, up my friend and I have decided to share it. I use my car three days a week to go to office and drop him as well. On the other days, he takes his car. We share petrol prices and it is economical."

Commuters also say that using transport apps do not help much as they end up spending more. Hence, people who have two-wheelers have devised a plan of sharing the commute with their friends.

Shalini G, a physiotherapist working in Indiranagar, said, "My colleague and I have the same shifts in the same office. Hence, instead of both of us spending money on two different two-wheelers, we take the same one."

A lot of the commuters along with their colleagues have even reserved an auto-rickshaw driver for a year who would ferry them to their office and back. This is especially useful for those unfamiliar with driving or averse to it.

> **Environmentalists are happy as they feel carpooling will not only save money but help reduce pollution as well**

Rashmika Ghosh, an IT professional staying in MG Road, said, "After working for long hours, both of us get too tired to ride. Hence my friend and I book an auto for a year which will drop us to our office. Since both of us have offices in the same location, it is easy and saves us money as well."

Environmentalists in the city are happy. They feel that carpooling not only saves money but it also helps in reducing the pollution.

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In the Court of Shri. A.U. Bahir., Smt. A.A. Godase
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Summons IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE S. D. AT PANVEL :R.C.S./74/ 2008, कि म. 51/5
Shri. Vishnu Gangaram Thakur... ..... Plaintiff
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Shri Prakash Janardhan Bhagat and others..... .....Defendants
To, Defendant No. 9 Tagling Property Development Pvt. Ltd., Through, Shri. Naveen Nath, Office Add.- 321, Raheja Chambers, 12 Museum Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

Whereas, Shri.Vishnu Gangaram Thakur has instituted a suit for partition and perpetual and temporary injunction against Def. No. 9 -Tagline Property development Pvt. Ltd. And 8 others, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answers all such questions, on 30th the April day of 2022, day fixed, for your appearance, you must be prepared to produce all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and Ex-Parte order may be passed in your absence. day Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 5 day of January 2021.

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The world is just not enough...

As it seems Twitter Inc may accept Elon Musk's takeover offer, we look at the growing universe of the billionaire

#Washington

Twitter Inc is poised to accept billionaire Elon Musk's "best and final" $43 billion takeover offer, people familiar with the matter told Reuters on Monday.

This comes on the heels of Musk announcing that he had secured $46.5 billion in debt and equity financing for the deal.

Earlier in April, the social media company had adopted a "poison pill" to protect itself from Musk's $54.20 per share offer, which followed days after he had disclosed an over 9% stake.

The tech entrepreneur, whose net worth is nearly $300 billion according to Forbes, has founded, co-founded or is leading the following companies:

Neuralink (2016)
The brain chip startup aims to connect humans and computers. In July last year, it said it had raised over $200 million from investors including Google Ventures.

SpaceX (2002)
The company designs and manufactures aerospace technology, and aims to land its rockets on Mars before 2030. It was valued at over $100 million, CNBC reported last year.

The Boring (2017)
The underground tunneling Company aims to build hyperloops, an ultra-high-speed ground transportation system for passenger and cargo, to solve big city traffic problems.

Tesla Inc (2003)
The electric-car maker, which went public in 2010, is valued at more than $1 trillion, more than legacy automakers Ford and General Motors combined. Last year, Musk said the company will probably launch a "Tesla Bot" humanoid robot prototype in 2022, designed for dangerous, repetitive, or boring work that people don't like to do.

PayPal (1998)
The fintech company went public Holdings Inc first in 2002, and was bought by eBay Inc for $1.5 billion soon after. It then went public again in 2015.

The tech entrepreneur's investments in other smaller startups: **Stripe Inc 2010** The digital payments company was valued at $95 billion in a fundraising round last year. Reuters reported in July 2021 that Stripe hired a law firm in its first major step towards a stock market debut.

Vicarious 2010 The artificial intelligence and robotics company, which has received over $250 million in funding, also counts Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg as its investors, according to its website https://www.vicarious.com/company. **– Reuters**

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IN A JAM

What's that between your toes? Know all about toe jam

Toe jam can be a source of fascination, disgust or barely noticed. It can be a sign you need to wash your feet or rethink your choice of footwear. It can also lead to major health issues.

Toe jam, the gunk and debris between your toes, has even made it to a Beatles song.

But it was unlikely John Lennon was thinking about foot hygiene when he wrote the lyrics to the second verse of Come Together:

He wear no shoeshine, he got toe-jam football

He got monkey finger, he shoot Coca-Cola

He say, 'I know you, you know me'

One thing I can tell you is you got to be free.

What is toe jam, actually?

Toe jam isn't a medical term. There is no formal medical term to describe the dead skin cells, sweat, sock lint and dirt that combine in the small and often cramped spaces between our toes.

Toe jam can have the consistency of soft cheese or cake crumbs. It can smell or be odourless. And its colour can range from white to grey-brown.

You're more likely to create toe jam if you wear closed-in shoes when it's hot, or gumboots that don't allow sweat to evaporate.

Poor foot hygiene will certainly make it more likely you'll develop toe jam. That's because sweaty debris accumulates in between the toes if you don't pay attention to cleaning these areas in the shower or bath.

Toe jam may also be more likely if your feet sweat a lot for other reasons. For instance, we know sweaty feet can be a problem for children and adolescents, who have more active sweat glands. And some people have a serious medical condition called hyperhidrosis, where they sweat excessively.

Is toe jam like athlete's foot?

The collection of sweat and dead skin between toes provides bacteria living naturally on our skin the chance to thrive.

These bacteria, which include ones in the genus Brevibacterium, feed on sweat, releasing molecules that give the characteristic "cheesy" smell of sweaty feet. Brevibacterium is also used to ripen some cheeses.

This warm and damp environment is also a perfect site for tinea pedis, a fungal skin infection you might know as athlete's foot.

Signs of tinea might be soggy white skin between your toes, which can be itchy, and red areas, a sign of skin damage. Damaged skin between toes might develop small fluid-filled blisters and may also bleed if the weak skin is torn.

So while toe jam isn't the same as tinea, it might provide the perfect conditions for the fungus to grow.

How serious is toe jam?

Generally, toe jam is a minor health problem. You can manage it with good foot hygiene. And if you develop tinea, you can use a short course of an anti-fungal treatment you can buy from a pharmacy.

It is quite a different prospect, however, for a person living with a chronic disease such as diabetes, someone who has poor vision (so can't see toe jam or its complications developing), or who may be unable to reach their feet due to limited mobility.

Diabetes not well controlled with diet and exercise, or drugs, increases the risk of a person having reduced blood flow (peripheral arterial disease) and reduced feeling in their feet (sensory neuropathy).

Broken skin between the toes caused by tinea can become infected rapidly, increasing the risk of: infection spreading to the foot and leg (cellulitis)

Infection of the bone (osteomyelitis)

Gangrene (dead tissue caused by lack of blood flow)

Amputation of a toe, part of the foot or leg.

So early identification of tinea in a vulnerable person is especially important to prevent complications.

4 ways to avoid problems

Here are our four tips to avoid problems with toe jam, including developing tinea and its complications:

- Wash the spaces between your toes and dry them carefully after a shower or bath, and after swimming. Gyms and swimming pools are a common place to pick up a fungal infection on your feet so it's a good idea to wear thongs to reduce the risk of tinea.
- If possible, avoid wearing footwear that doesn't allow sweat to evaporate (such as closed-in shoes made of synthetic material and gumboots). Going barefoot, when there is no risk of injury, will also allow sweat to evaporate.
- Treat sweaty feet by using an antiperspirant containing aluminium chloride. More severe cases of hyperhidrosis may be managed using drugs, such as Botox injections to the feet. Fungal infections (tinea) should be treated using over-the-counter antifungal creams such as terbinafine or clotrimazole. Resistant infections might require a course of prescribed antifungal medicines
- Pay attention to signs indicating an infection is spreading from the foot. These could be pain and swelling in the toes, or red streaks along the foot and up the leg. This requires an urgent visit to a podiatrist or doctor.

Footnote

Lennon mentions a "walrus gumboot" in verse three of Come Together. The final line of verse two says "you got to be free". The cover of The Beatles album Abbey Road shows Paul McCartney walking barefoot.

Maybe the Beatles did know a thing or two about toe jam and foot health.

—The Conversation via PTI

All you need to know about...

Pelvic pain

What is it?
The pelvis is quite a big place, anatomically speaking, holding many organs like the ovaries, bladder and prostate, all of which can be sources of pain in the lower abdomen. It may be sudden and severe (acute pelvic pain) or last for months (chronic pelvic pain).

What are the symptoms?
There are several types of pelvic pain: a sharp, stabbing or burning one that happens suddenly; a dull or heavy ache, or feeling of pressure; knotted feeling with a cramping or throbbing pain; a pain which crescendos then dies away; or a pain that comes on with exercise, sex or peeing.

What's the cause?
Most causes of pelvic pain aren't that serious, such as constipation or menstruation. Other common causes are irritable bowel syndrome, urinary tract infections (UTIs), and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Pelvic pain is more common in women due to conditions affecting female reproductive organs, such as an ovarian cyst, endometriosis or fibroids.
A few conditions need emergency treatment, such as appendicitis, ectopic pregnancy and peritonitis. Pelvic pain in men can sometimes be caused by conditions affecting the prostate, such as prostatitis, and the testes like epididymitis.

What's the treatment?
Each cause once confirmed must be treated by the appropriate specialist and sometimes urgently. Chronic pelvic pain must be investigated so your doctor will refer you to a specialist for tests. If you have severe acute pelvic pain and you're vomiting, go to A&E. For less urgent conditions your GP might suggest antibiotics, painkillers and physiotherapy such as exercises for the pelvic floor muscles and hormone treatments.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Vitamin-D, Omega-3, exercise can reduce cancer risk by 61%: Study

A combination of high-dose Vitamin D, Omega-3s, and simple home strength exercises can help reduce cancer risk in healthy adults aged 70 or older by 61 per cent, claims a study.

Published in Frontiers in Aging, it is the first study to test the combined benefit of three affordable public health interventions for the prevention of invasive cancers -- that has grown past the original tissue or cells where it developed, and spread to otherwise healthy surrounding tissue.

Apart from preventative recommendations such as not smoking and sun protection, public health efforts that focus on cancer prevention are limited, according to Dr Heike Bischoff-Ferrari of the University Hospital Zurich in Switzerland.

"Preventive efforts in middle-aged and older adults today are largely limited to screening and vaccination efforts," Bischoff-Ferrari noted.

Studies have shown that Vitamin D inhibits the growth of cancer cells. Similarly, Omega-3 may inhibit the transformation of normal cells into cancer cells, and exercise has been shown to improve immune function and decrease inflammation, which may help in the prevention of cancer.

— IANS

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Bill's age is 2 times Mary's age and Joan's age is 2 times Bill's age. If the sum of their 3 ages is 147, how old is each one?

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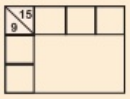
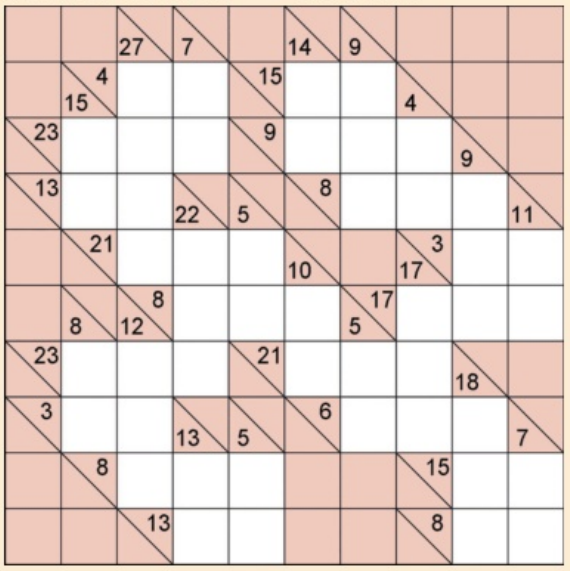
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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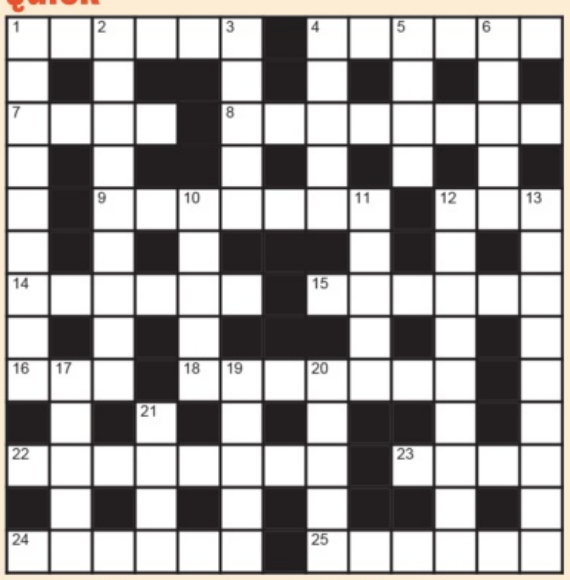


ACROSS

1 Blows up like volcano (6)
4 A rain cloud (6)
7 Thrash or flog (4)
8 Heavenly (8)
9 ___ __ to the hilt : gives full support? (5,2)
12 Comedian __ Das (3)
14 Still batting (3,3)
15 Scarab anagram for a type of alcoholic drink? (6)
16 Automobile (3)
18 Carry out (7)
22 Pardoned (8)
23 Leg joint (4)
24 Hires, rents or sublets (6)
25 Landlord (6)

DOWN

1 In the earliest stages (9)
2 Capital of Mongolia (4,5)
3 Go furtively (5)
4 First prime minister of India (5)
5 Just (4)
6 Festival that marks the beginning of the Kannada new year (5)
10 A thick cluster (5)
11 Greek philosopher (5)
12 Clerical garb (9)
13 Story teller (9)
17 Came up (5)
19 North Pole personnel (5)
20 Last (5)
21 Eons or epochs (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS P

IA LUVI LZA'P TVZEWAZLMDV CWT PSV EVWEDV KSW MVDLVBV LA LP.

Linemaro

Do you have a name or can I call you mine?

Mindchow

It's hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head

Joke of the day

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure

Loop

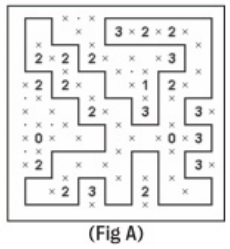
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

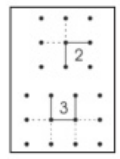
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

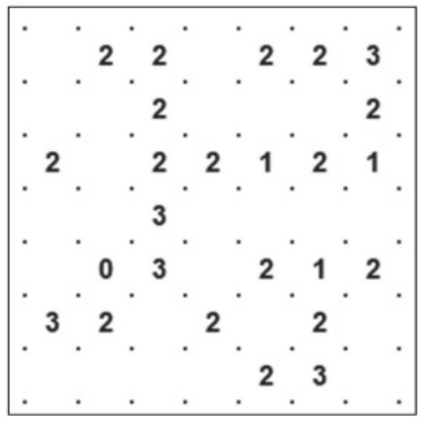
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



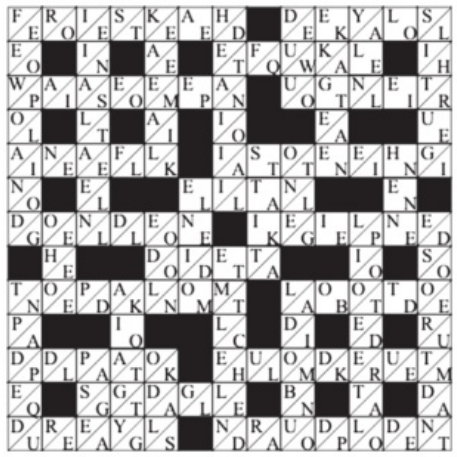
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



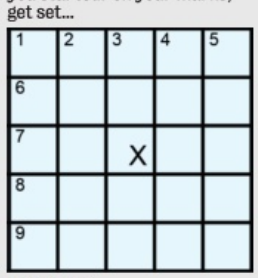
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

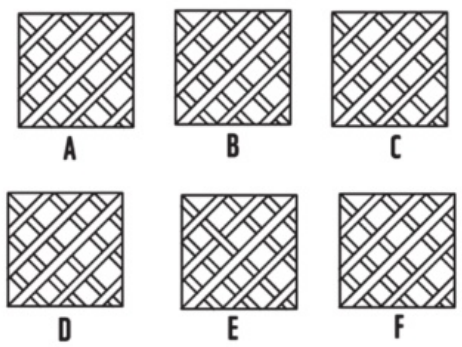
1 Acerb; 6 Uli Co;
7 Six ma; 8 Do ere;
9 Smite

DOWN

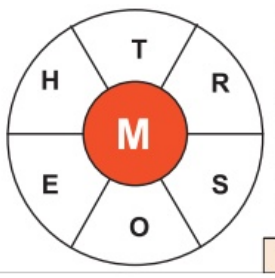
1 Comte; 2 I a car;
3 Ox Bum; 4 Dele I;
5 Sires

Mensapuzzle

What trellis is wrong?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	6					3	9	
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				2				
					5	4	2	
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		3			8		7	
	9	1					6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

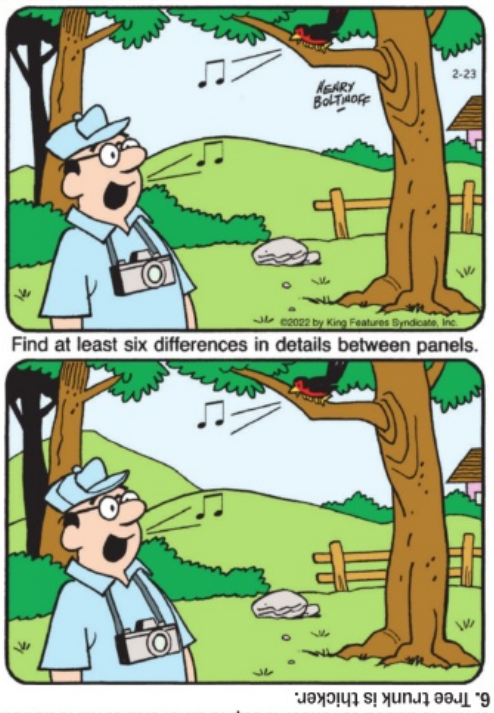
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 25
2 3 4 5

Medium = 6
3 3 4 5

Hard = 12
3 3 9 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Camera is lower. 2. Music note is higher. 3. Rail is added to fence. 4. Cap is different. 5. Hill is added. 6. Tree trunk is thicker.

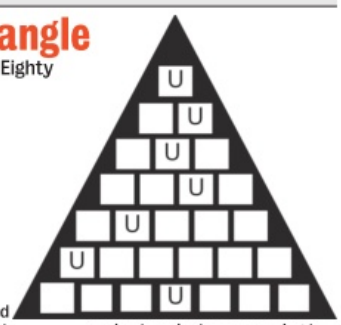
Riddler

Answer the clues with a pair of rhyming words. (plump feline = fat cat)

1. Medieval soldier competition
2. Extra couple
3. Metal drain plug

Alpha triangle

1 Describing a One Eighty degree turn
2 Et Brute
3 Fruit kernel
4 Daze
5 Melodies
6 Brings together
7 Hour divisions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

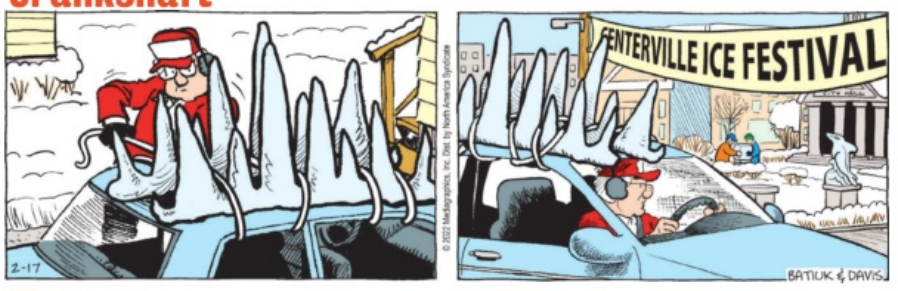
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEY, HEART. CAN WE TALK?
OH. NOW YOU WANT TO ASK FIRST.
I'M SORRY FOR NOT ASKING TO PUT YOUR STORY ONLINE.
I JUST WANTED YOU TO TASTE FAME! THE THRILL OF A WELL-LIKED FANFICTION!
ALL IS FORGIVEN. NOW TELL ME ABOUT THIS FAME THING!

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, new sources of income are likely to be opened. Your past investments may give you a good profit which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find their soulmate in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, blessing from elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives which may help you at work. Your intuition may help to gain more in terms of finance. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may expect some instant gains in your business which may boost your confidence as well as bank balance. Avoid stress in domestic life. There would be some momentum in business and work. Your prestige may be increased. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, things would not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. You are likely to be attracted towards the occult. You may feel a lack of confidence which may affect your work. It is best to avoid rash driving and risky adventure tours.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find their suitable match. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be able to strike a balance between earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money which was stuck. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness; you may be scattered towards your goals. This may affect your working efficiency; you may plan to visit some religious place. But during late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and make a good plan for the next day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safely. But with the blessing of elders, you may come out from a messy situation. You are likely to be more romantic in your love life; harmony in domestic life may come. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your subordinate staff may be cooperative; it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social event, which may boost your network; it may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, your communication skills may help you on the professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may build a foundation of their relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you will be blessed by the moon. New partnerships may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull and unhappy. You are advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation for your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. You're advised to be patient while taking some important decision.

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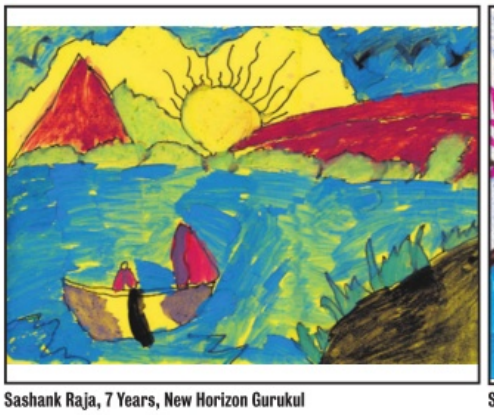
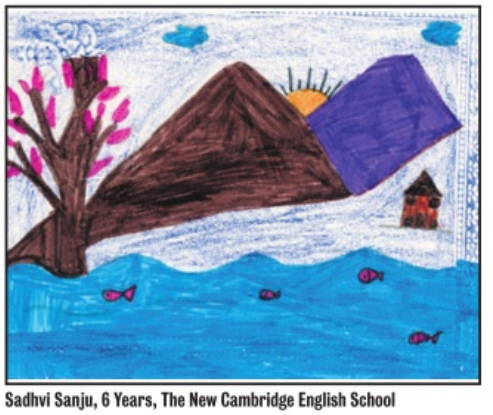


Sashank Raja, 7 Years, New Horizon Gurukul



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
x+2x+4x=147
7x=147
x=147/7
x=21
Bill 42
Mary 21
Joan 84

QUOTE UNCODE
An idea isn't responsible for the people who believe in it.

FAST FIVE

C	A	B	E	R
O	C	U	L	I
M	A	X	I	S
E	R	O	D	E
T	I	M	E	S

RIDDLER
1. Knight fight,
2. Spare pair,
3. Copper stopper

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
E. The diagonal slat from the top left to bottom right should pass under the other slats.

BULL'S EYE
home, homer, mesh, metro, more, most, mote, moth, mother, SMOTHER, some, stem, storm, term, them, tome

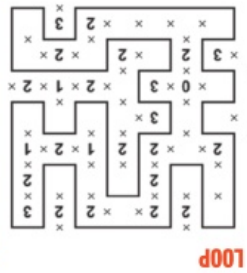
SUDOKU

8	9	1	4	7	2	5	6	3
6	2	3	9	5	8	1	7	4
5	7	4	1	3	6	2	8	9
3	1	6	7	9	5	4	2	8
9	4	5	8	2	1	7	3	6
2	8	7	3	6	4	9	5	1
7	3	2	6	4	9	8	1	5
1	5	9	2	8	3	6	4	7
4	6	8	5	1	7	3	9	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, Tu, Nut, Stun, Tunes, Unties, Minutes.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 x 5 + 3 + 2 = 25
Medium
4 + 5 / 3 + 3 = 6
Hard
3 + 9 / 3 x 3 = 12

LOOP



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Star meets author

SRK met Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh' author Shrayana Bhattacharya and penned a note for her. In an Instagram post, the author said she sat down with Khan for an hour-long meet at 'Mannat'

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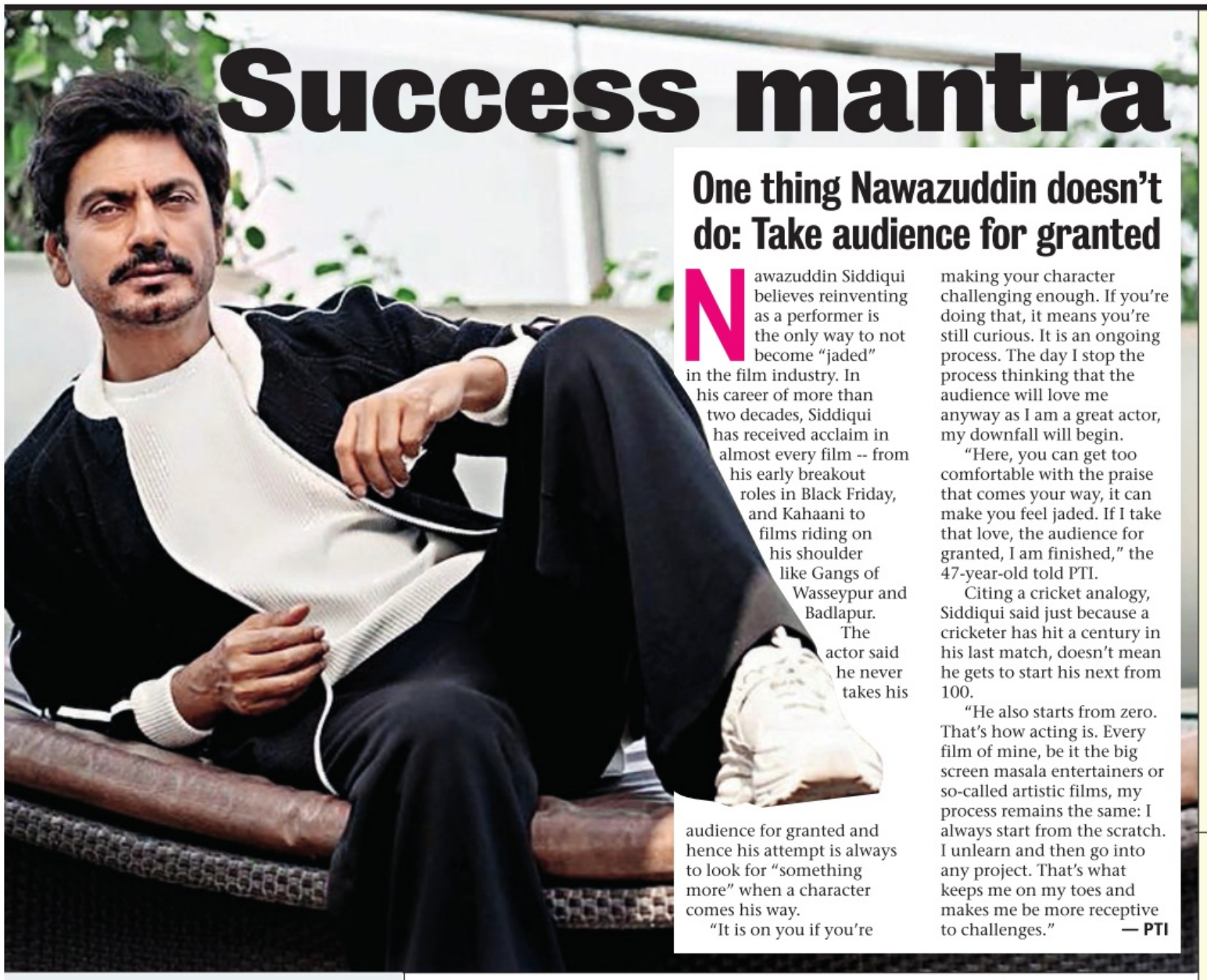

One thing Nawazuddin doesn't do: Take audience for granted

Nawazuddin Siddiqui believes reinventing as a performer is the only way to not become "jaded" in the film industry. In his career of more than two decades, Siddiqui has received acclaim in almost every film -- from his early breakout roles in Black Friday, and Kahaani to films riding on his shoulder like Gangs of Wasseypur and Badlapur.

The actor said he never takes his audience for granted and hence his attempt is always to look for "something more" when a character comes his way.

"It is on you if you're making your character challenging enough. If you're doing that, it means you're still curious. It is an ongoing process. The day I stop the process thinking that the audience will love me anyway as I am a great actor, my downfall will begin.

"Here, you can get too comfortable with the praise that comes your way, it can make you feel jaded. If I take that love, the audience for granted, I am finished," the 47-year-old told PTI.

Citing a cricket analogy, Siddiqui said just because a cricketer has hit a century in his last match, doesn't mean he gets to start his next from 100.

"He also starts from zero. That's how acting is. Every film of mine, be it the big screen masala entertainers or so-called artistic films, my process remains the same: I always start from the scratch. I unlearn and then go into any project. That's what keeps me on my toes and makes me be more receptive to challenges." — PTI

What happens next is history

Five films old Sara Ali Khan's last theatrical release was 'Love Aaj Kal' in 2020, and thereafter she had two OTT releases - 'Coolie No 1' and 'Atrangi Re'. While she earned all the praise for her performance as Rinku Sooryavanshi in Aanand L Rai's film, the actress has been busy with her upcoming films, an untitled Laxman Utekar's film with Vicky Kaushal and Pawan Kriplani's 'Gaslight' with Vikrant Massey. According to a report, the actress is also doing a historical film based on 1942 Quit India Movement.

Sara will play the lead role in the film which will be directed by Kannan Iyer of 'Ek Thi Daayan' fame, reports Pinkvilla. The report further stated that the film will directly head for an OTT release and is backed by Karan Johar's Dharmatic Entertainment.

— ETimes

Cracker of a couple

After a unique trailer, Ranveer Singh unveiled the first song from his upcoming comedy drama 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar' titled 'Firecracker'. The actor launched the song at an event with college students in Mumbai. The actor arrived in style dressed in his quirky outfit. He set the stage on fire with his jordaar statements and dance performance.

During the interaction, Ranveer called wife Deepika Padukone his real-life 'firecracker'. "I am lucky because there is Lakshmi in my house. Ever since she came into my life, I have been on the right track. 2012... So it's 10 years of me and my baby," he says and adds, "She is my firecracker."

'Jayeshbhai Jordaar' also stars Shalini Pandey, Boman Irani, Ratna Pathak Shah and Deeksha Joshi.

— ETimes

Meet Sara

Pictures of Sachin Tendulkar's daughter Sara Tendulkar that show she is B-Town ready

Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code

Kangana says she faced sexual assault as a child

In the latest episode of Lock Upp, Munawar Faruqui's secret of being sexually abused when he was just 6 or 7 led host Kangana Ranaut to also open up about being inappropriately touched as a child by a boy in her town.

In the show, Munawar decides to save Saisha Shinde by revealing his secret. He tells Kangana, "I was 6 to 7 years old when I was sexually assaulted. They were relatives. It continued for 4 to 5 years. It was close family and I didn't understand it then. Fourth year when it went extreme, they realised they should stop." He added, "I have never shared this with everyone as I have to face them. I didn't find any use of telling it to anyone. I think my dad knew about it. He said something once that made me feel like he knows it but I don't remember clearly. Now I think dad didn't say anything as he might have felt the same...like how do you tell anyone about it."

Kangana told him, "Munawar, so many kids every year go through this kind of harassment but no one discusses this on a public platform. Everyone's touched inappropriately in childhood. This has been experienced by many including me. In my town when I was quite small, a boy, who was a few years older than me, used to inappropriately touch me. But I didn't know back then what it meant. Every child has to go through this no matter how protective their family is."

She added, "But another important thing you said is that before sharing it, everyone feels they are responsible for the incident. This education can't be given to kids as they are too young. You can't sexualise them or tell them the difference between a good touch and a bad touch. It's such a big crisis in the society. And kids suffer so much due to this. They get scarred for life." — ETimes